Environmental Compliance within the Environmental Management Program

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Organizational Structure [Slide #2]

Pictured: an organizational chart depicting the structure for the Office of Regulatory Compliance as outlined below.

- Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Compliance Frank Marcinowski
 - o Office of Compliance Karen Guevara
 - EPA, NRC, Compliance Agreements, Consent Orders, NEPA, Section 3116, DOE Order 435.1, LFRG, NRD
 - o Office of Disposal Operations Christine Gelles
 - HLW, TRU, GTCC, LLW/MLLW, LAW, By product material
 - o Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability Melissa Nielson
 - EMAB, SSAB, Tribal coordination, governmental groups, outreach, public participation
- Lead matters related to EM's legal/regulatory responsibilities
- Support implementation of waste disposition plans
- Serve as primary interface with stakeholders within and outside DOE

How Does EM Track Compliance? [Slide #3]

- EM has begun tracking six categories of site compliance:
 - o Notices of Violation (NOVs)
 - o Enforceable Compliance Agreement (ECA) Milestones
 - o Non-High Level Waste (Non-HLW) Waste Determinations (WDs)
 - o Low-Level Waste (LLW) Disposal
 - o National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - o Environmental Compliance Assessment Program (ECAP)

DRAFT EM Compliance Scorecard [Slide #4]

Pictured: the EM Compliance Scorecard, which is a color-coded table that correlates sites with the aforementioned categories of compliance and identifies their status by marking particular activities and/or programmatic needs as green, yellow, or red.

Why These Categories? [Slide #5]

- NOVs: formal regulatory enforcement action
- ECA Milestones: fulfilling external regulatory commitments
- Non-HLW WDs: progress toward classifying low activity tank wastes for disposal as other than HLW (and therefore not requiring geologic disposal)
- LLW Disposal: internal regulation of DOE LLW disposal facilities
- **NEPA**: decisions on major federal cleanup actions
- ECAP: self assessments, indicator for avoiding NOVs

ECAP Overview and Purpose [Slide #6]

- ECAP assists sites in developing compliance self-assessments
 - o Standard, consistent system to evaluate environmental compliance
 - Self-identify and correct instances of noncompliance with environmental regulations
 - o Reduce fines and penalties paid to resolve regulatory environmental enforcement actions
 - o Collect information at HQ on status of sites' environmental compliance

Overview of ECAP Process [Slide #7]

- ECAP teams comprised of EM federal staff
- Trained by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Mannus Corp. to use software to record and organize assessment results
- Prior to assessment, team reviews operating documents for facility to be assessed
- Site staff augment ECAP teams to learn self-assessment techniques
- Team drafts "Executive Summary" to document assessment and any associated findings

Overview of ECAP Process (Cont'd) [Slide #8]

- Site addresses Executive Summary and findings within 30 days
- Together, the Executive Summary, Findings, and site's response become the final ECAP assessment for the site of the year
- Assessments vary in length depending on the size of a site and the size of the team
- Corrective actions of any findings are handled by the site's contractor and monitored by site staff

ECAP – Current Status [Slide #9]

- ECAP training sessions have occurred at:
 - o Oak Ridge
 - o Idaho
 - o Carlsbad
 - o Richland
 - o Savannah River Site
 - o Paducah
- Training planned at Portsmouth

Current Compliance Issues [Slide #10]

- Hanford
 - o TPA negotiations (WTP delays, milestone slippages)
- Los Alamos
 - o Cleanup milestones, NOVs
- Savannah River Site
 - o Tank closure milestones
- ETEC
 - o Court NEPA order; consent order on site cleanup
- Nevada
 - o MLLW disposal